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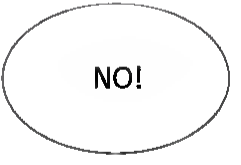
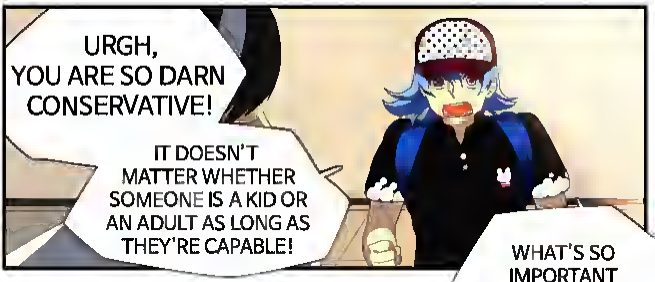
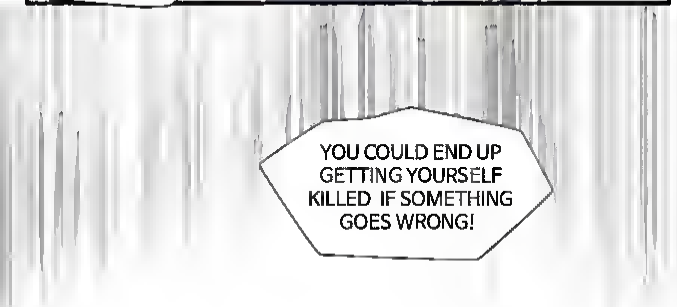

NO!

AH, WHY NOT?!
COME ON, SIMOON~ WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SUCH A PARTY POOPER WHEN WE HAVEN'T SEEN BARAM IN A WHILE?
I TOLD YOU. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM JOINING? LITTLE BARAM IS WAY STRONGER THAN YOU.
SEE? I TOLD YOU I'M BETTER THAN YOU!

STILL, WE HAVE TO BE RATIONAL HERE
YOU'RE STILL A MINOR BARAM!
AND WHY DIDN T YOU TELL ME THAT YOU DON T GO TO SCHOOL?
WELL…
BECAUSE I FIGURED YOU WOULD JUST NAG ME!
WHY DON'T YOU GO TO SCHOOL?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER TO YOU? I ARE YOU GOING TO SCOLD ME FOR THAT NOW? !


URGH, YOU ARE SO DARN CONSERVATIVE!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER SOMEONE IS A KID OR AN ADULT AS LONG AS THEY'RE CAPABLE!

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THAT?!
IT IS IMPORTANT!


YOU COULD END UP GETTING YOURSELF KILLED IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG!

···I DON'T CARE!
THAT DOESN T MATTER TO ME!
PHEW···
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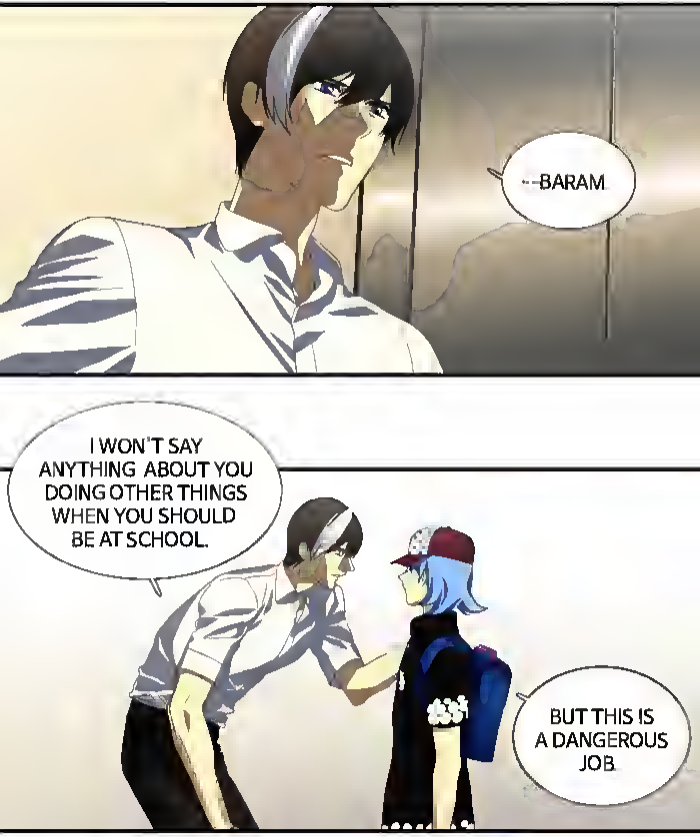
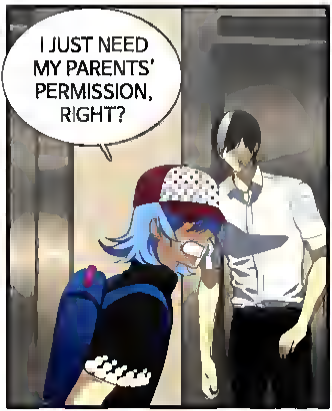
SIGH
ALRIGHT, BARAM.
TELL YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER TO COME HERE.
I'LL LET YOU JOIN THE INVESTIGATION IF THEY GIVE THEIR PERMISSION.
I'LL DO YOU A FAVOR
TAP
MY PARENTS?

IF THEY'RE BUSY, I CAN GO TO YOUR HOUSE INSTEAD.
I-I'M NOT A LITTLE KID, WHY DO I NEED MY PARENTS' PERMISSION?
YOU JUST DO. I WON'T LET YOU JOIN WITHOUT THEIR PERMISSION
UGH……


--BARAM
I WON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOU DOING OTHER THINGS WHEN YOU SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL.
BUT THIS IS A DANGEROUS JOB.

STILL, I REALLY RELY ON YOU A LOT.
WE ACTUALLY REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.
COULD YOU TRY TO UNDERSTAND ME?

ALRIGHT.

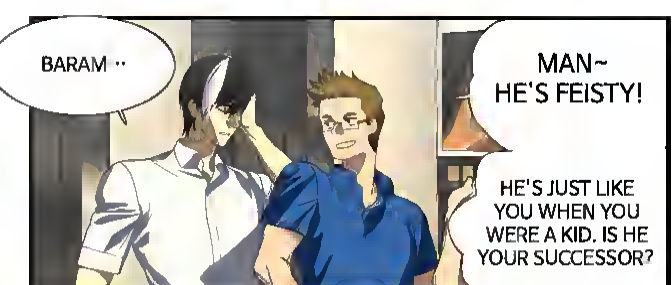

I JUST NEED MY PARENTS' PERMISSION, RIGHT?

COME TO MY HOUSE TOMORROW. I'LL TELL MY DAD.

ALRIGHT
THEN TOMORROW……
AGH!
CLASP
DETECTIVE LEE~!
MY, MY. IS THAT YOU, SLATE?!
OR SHOULD I CALL YOU CHIEF LEE NOW?
WHY DID YOU JUST GET HERE NOW?! I MISSED YOU SO MUCH~!
GASP
I ALWAYS MISS YOU, EVEN AFTER I SEE YOU!
S-SLATE, I JUST SAW YOU YESTERDAY…!

OH, LOOK WHO IT IS! TENKA~ HOW HAVE YOU BEEN? YOUR PRONUNCIATION IS STILL A MESS!
OF COURSE! IS YOUR DAUGHTER GROWING UP LOTS?
YEP! MY LITTLE ANGEL IS GETTING PRETTIER OAY BY OAY!
YOU REALLY ARE BRASSY~
HA HA
?!
HA
HOW OO YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?!
YOU KNOW, THE DAY THAT YOU PASSED OUT
TENKA CALLED ME AT THE TIME.
HELLO?
IS THIS MR. SLATE?
HEHE, WE BECAME BEST FRIENDS WITHOUT YOU EVEN KNOWING IT!
OO YOU FEEL LEFT OUT?
CONFIDENT
GOOO FOR YOU.

WAIT, WHO'S THIS CUTE LITTLE KID?
WOW~ WHAT'S WITH YOUR HAIR AND EYE COLOR? DID YOU DYE YOUR HAIR? ARE YOU WEARING COLOR CONTACT LENSES?
TAP
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
AND I'M NOT A KID.


BARAM ··
MAN~ HE'S FEISTY!
HE'S JUST LIKE YOU WHEN YOU WERE A KID. IS HE YOUR SUCCESSOR?

WAIT, ARE YOU AND SIMOON CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT SIMOON WHEN HE WAS LITTLE?
MAN, YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN MR. SIMOON WHEN HE WAS LITTLE~
HE LEARNED TAEKWONDO BECAUSE HE WANTED TO FIGHT!
WITH HIS HAIR AND EYE COLOR, I THOUGHT HE WAS A BULLY OR SOMETHING THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM.
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD BECOME A DEPARTMENT CHIEF BEFORE I DID.
SIMOON, I'M SO PROUD OF YOU.
IF YOU'RE SO PROUD, THEN KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT
OH~

SIMOON, SO YOU'VE BEEN VIOLENT SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE? YOU REALLY ARE A BAD COP, I KNEW IT.
SHUT UP! I HAD NO CHOICE WHEN I WAS LITTLE!
LOL
THAT'S RIGHT, HARDSHIPS MAKE PEOPLE STRONGER.
THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO CAN'T STAND TO SEE ANYONE DIFFERENT AND HAVE TO START FIGHTS.
HUH? WHY?!
ISN'T SIMOON MIXED?! SO KOREANS ARE RACISTS TOO?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN~? SIMOON ISN'T MIXED. HE'S 100% MADE IN KOREA.
WHAT?!
MADE IN KOREA...
IS TENKA STUPID ?
THAT MAKES NO SENSE!
THEN WHY DOES HE LOOK LIKE THAT?

AH, THIS-
HUH? AN ACCIDENT?
WHAT KIND OF ACCIDENT?
IT JUST HAPPENED BY ACCIDENT. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHY.
ACCORDING TO MY GRANDMA, IT CHANGED AFTER THAT ONE TIME I FELL IN WATER
I WAS YOUNG SO I DON'T REMEMBER CLEARLY
AH. RIGHT. YOUR HAIR AND EYES ARE ALL BLACK IN PICTURES OF YOU AS A BABY.

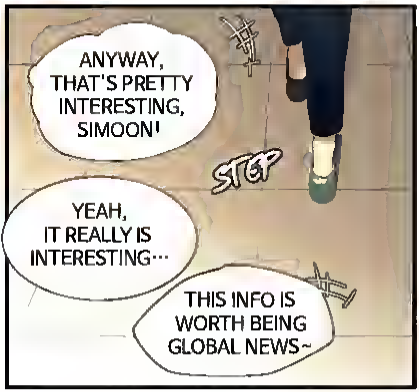
HUH? HOW COULD THAT HAPPEN? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING.

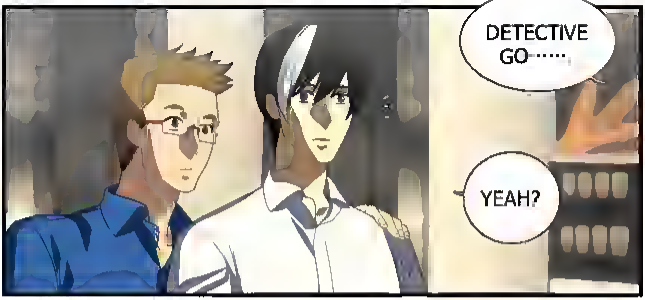
YEAH. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SOMEONE'S EYES TURNING BLUE FROM FALLING IN WATER

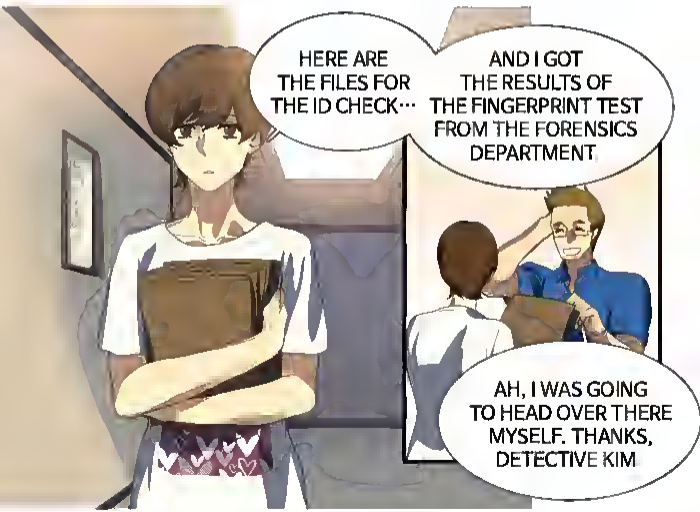
WHAT ABOUT YOU, BARAM!?

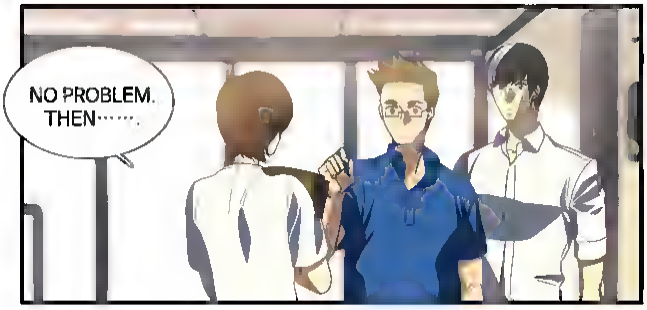
I WEAR CONTACT LENSES.

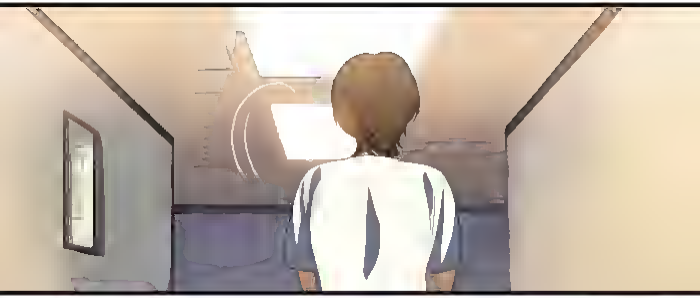
REALLY??

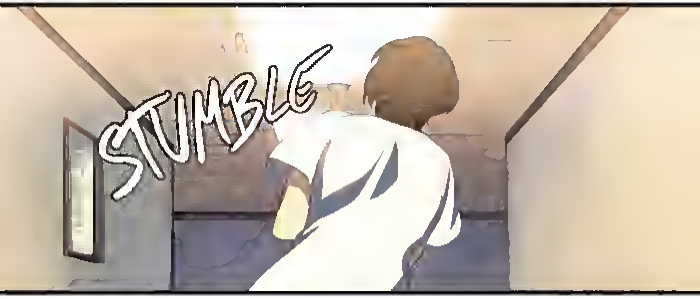



DETECTIVE GO……
YEAH?


HERE ARE THE FILES FOR THE ID CHECK…
AND I GOT THE RESULTS OF THE FINGERPRINT TEST FROM THE FORENSICS DEPARTMENT
AH, I WAS GOING TO HEAD OVER THERE MYSELF. THANKS, DETECTIVE KIM


NO PROBLEM.
THEN·····.

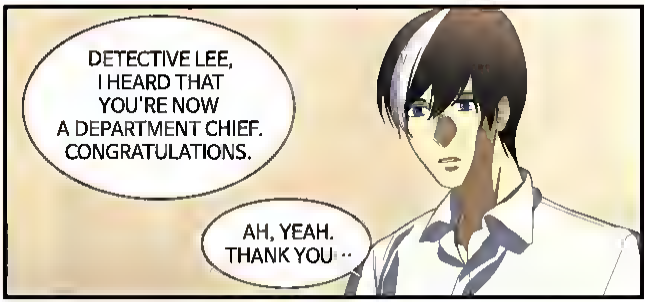


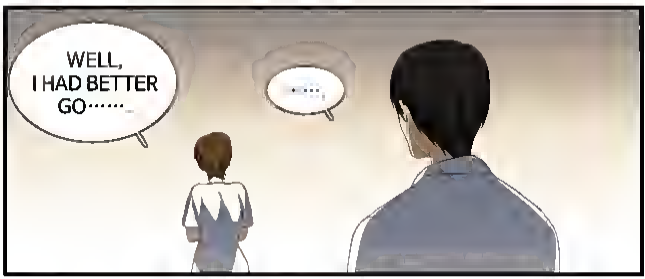

STUMBLE

THUD!!
SCATTER
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HUH?! DETECTIVE KIM?!
ARE YOU OKAY?

DETECTIVE KIM, ARE YOU HURT?
YOU LOOK PALE!
AH
NO, I'M JUST A BIT TIRED·····.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT···

AH,
RIGHT··


DETECTIVE LEE,
I HEARD THAT
YOU'RE NOW
A DEPARTMENT CHIEF.
CONGRATULATIONS.
AH, YEAH.
THANK YOU··


WELL,
I HAD BETTER
GO·····
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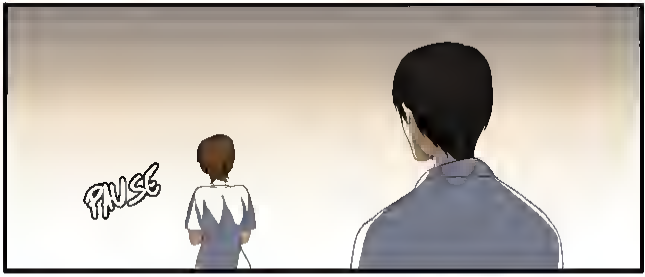
PAUSE

BUY EVERYONE DINNER OR DRINKS LATER
AH, SURE

STAGGER
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